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National Recognition for the Department of Criminal Justice

Tarleton's Criminal Justice Graduate Program was ranked number 8 out of 25 nation-wide programs. The ranking service, Graduate Programs assigns 15 ranking categories to each graduate program at each graduate school. Rankings cover a variety of student topics such as academic competitiveness, career support, financial aid and quality of work. Reviews encompass reports by over 70,000 students participating in over 1,600 graduate programs nationwide. Congratulations to Tarleton's Criminal Justice Graduate Program for ranking in the top ten in the nation.

Best Colleges.Com has rated the Tarleton Master's in Criminal Justice number 18 in the Nation for 2015. The notification reads, "Distance learning has found a place in mainstream education and you've shown a dedication to building a quality program for working professionals who seek more flexibility than a traditional on-campus program can provide. Programs like yours allow students, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, to build a strong foundation for their careers."

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRANT

The Texas Pioneer Foundation has awarded the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies a \$150,000 grant for the creation of the John Tarleton Leadership Academy. The award will be used to develop and implement a curriculum that can be offered across campus leading to a certificate upon completion of the program. The Texas Pioneer Foundation is one of 814 members of the Association of Small Foundations working within Texas. Education funding accounts for over 30 percent of the Association members grant funding.

The Texas Pioneer Foundation is a private foundation established in 2004 and based in San Marcos, Texas. The mission of the foundation is to serve the people of Texas to improve the quality and results of education within the state. Their philosophy is to promote and support innovative educational programs with measureable outcomes and sustainability.

The John Tarleton Leadership Academy will function within the School's new Institute for Criminal Justice Leadership and Public Policy under the directorship of Colonel Kenny Weldon, USAF (Ret.) who is also Commander of Tarleton's Texan Corps of Cadets. The leadership program will be a major component of the Corps of Cadets. The Academy will promote student success with a single goal of inspiring leaders with integrity to pursue opportunities of service. Members of the Academy's Corps of Cadets will experience a unique opportunity to focus on academic excellence and leadership development for leadership roles in the military, public and private sectors. Members of the Corps may pursue any academic major offered at Tarleton, but, as part of the degree program, they will be provided the opportunity to obtain a Minor in Leadership Studies. The Minor in Leadership Studies provides a concentrated learning experience to equip students with a foundational understanding of the key principles of leadership and its practice.

Colonel Weldon is responsible for re-instituting the Corps of Cadets on the Tarleton campus. There is a rich military history at Tarleton, the original student body at John Tarleton Agricultural College was a Corps of Cadets. Today, Texan Cadets have the unique opportunity to continue as part of a proud tradition of excellence. The John Tarleton Leadership Academy will affirm that proud tradition and ascertain excellence in leadership for future generations of Tarleton graduates.



Colonel Kenny Weldon, USAF (Ret.)

NEW FACULTY & STAFF



CHRIS COPELAND is a native of Arlington, Texas. With a specialization in technology, his research interests include cyber crime, digital forensics, security, critical infrastructure and the application of technology in law enforcement. He has obtained several professional certifications including the coveted CISSP and several vendor specific

certifications. Chris has spent more than 19 years in the field of information technology working and consulting for companies including American Airlines, Sabre, EDS, National Checking, Vertis Communications and subsidiaries Berkshire Hathaway. Having completed both his undergraduate and graduate studies in Criminology and Criminal Justice, he has recently been appointed the Director of the Institute for Homeland Security, Cybercrime and International Criminal Justice Studies at Tarleton. He is currently pursuing a D.Sc. in Information Assurance at Dakota State University, a NSA recognized program.



CHIEF G.M. COX (RET), PH.D., a veteran chief of police of 33+ years with more than 43 years of government experience, brings the full spectrum of public administration experience to his professorial position.

Overall, Dr. Cox has 43+ years of law enforcement and local government experience starting as a

law enforcement specialist in the United States Air Force (USAF), serving as a chief in four (4) different Texas communities, which includes serving as a city administrator, recently retiring as the Police Chief of Murphy, Texas on July 1, 2015. Upon honorable separation from the USAF after six years of service, he entered Sam Houston State University earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement and Police Science (1979), graduating Summa Cum Laude and Alpha Chi. Dr. Cox later earned his Master of Science degree from Sam Houston State University in Criminal Justice Management (1987). In 2011, Dr. Cox earned his doctorate in Public and Urban Administration from the prestigious School of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Texas – Arlington. His academic journey includes attending over 8 different colleges and universities – Harford Community College (Maryland), University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Maryland-College Park, Central Texas College, Austin Community College, Vernon Regional Junior College, Community College of the Air Force, University of Virginia-Charlottesville, Sam Houston and UT-Arlington.

In addition to his formal education, Dr. Cox is a court-qualified mediator having mediated over 20 civil suits. He is a certified law enforcement instructor, security inspector and holds a Master Peace Officer certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. He is a graduate of the 165th Session (1991) of the FBI National Academy and graduated from the Leadership Command College of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (Class 21, 1996). He served as President of the Texas Police Chiefs' Association (2005-2006) and has also served as the Texas Municipal League board member representing the Texas Police Chiefs' Association and is the past-Chairman of the Texas

Police Chiefs Association Foundation. His teaching experience includes adjunct faculty positions at Lone Star College, Howard JC, Navarro College, Texas A&M-Commerce and UT-Arlington.



ANGELA DEADMON is the administrative assistant to Dr. del Carmen in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Strategic Studies at Tarleton State University. Angela has a collaborative professional with more than 10 years of progressive experience in professional and academic settings. Skills include managerial

leadership, communications, organization, coordination, executive relations, system process, and effective student management. Her past work experience includes The University of Texas at Arlington Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice where she provided direct secretarial support to professors and department chair. She has 18 years of professional work experience in the United States Bankruptcy Court-Northern District of Texas. Past work experience also includes work at both federal and city government entities.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC) MARTY R. DECKARD assumed responsibility for the Tarleton State University Department of Military Science on April 1, 2015, where he will serve as Department Head and Professor of Military Science under the direction of Dr. Alex del Carmen, Executive Director of the School of

Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies.

Prior to coming to Tarleton State University, LTC Deckard spent three years with the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, where he supervised the day-to-day ballistic missile defense operations of the pacific region and continental United States.

LTC Deckard was commissioned into the Field Artillery upon graduating from University of Kansas in 1995. LTC Deckard served in operational assignments in the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; 212th Fires Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the National Training Center, Fort Irwin California and the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum New York. LTC Deckard is a combat veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan.

LTC Deckard earned a bachelor's of science degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Kansas and a Master of Business Administration from Webster University. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Field Artillery Captains Career Course and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. LTC Deckard's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 3 Campaign Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Campaign Star), the Overseas Service Ribbon (4th Award), the Korean Defense Service Medal, the NATO Medal (with 1 Bronze Star), the Combat Action Badge and the Army Parachutist Badge.

LTC Deckard is married to the former Dana Bailey of Godley, Texas. They have three children, Mitchell, Morgan, and Mark. The family is in the process of relocating to Stephenville.



CATHY GIARDINO joined the staff in summer of 2015 as an Advisor and Program Manager of Community College Outreach and Support Services for the department after receiving her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Tarleton State University in the spring. Prior to earning her MCJ, she graduated with a Bachelor's in Criminal

Justice from the University of Texas in Arlington. Ms. Giardino has more than 20 years of practical experience in community corrections and with at risk early childhood populations during which time she earned numerous professional awards and distinctions was elected to various boards and committees and authored agency policies and procedures.



MEGHAN E. HOLLIS is an Assistant Professor and Director of the Institute for Predictive and Analytic Policing Science in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Strategic Studies at Tarleton State University.

Her current research focuses on communities and crime, police organizations and organizational

communication, situational crime prevention, evidence-based crime prevention and crime policy (including the application of and research on routine activities theory), crime in military communities, and environmental criminology.

Dr. Hollis has published in numerous academic journals, including *Journal of Community Psychology* (forthcoming), *Crime, Law, and Social Change*, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, *Security Journal*, and *Crime Prevention and Community Safety*. She has also co-authored systematic reviews for the Cochrane Collaboration and Campbell Collaboration, and has authored and co-authored several book chapters. Dr. Hollis is co-editor of a special issue of *Sociological Focus*, and co-editor of the *Handbook on Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice*.

Dr. Hollis is currently the Primary Investigator on a grant to examine the overuse of jails in Tarrant County, an evaluation of the Comin' Up Anti-Gang Initiative in Fort Worth, and the Detroit Community Study. Before joining Tarleton State, she was an assistant professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, faculty lecturer at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, adjunct faculty at Stonehill College and a research associate with Northeastern University and the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement. Her work at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement involved research on policing, the application of experimental methods to study crime and crime prevention, and routine activities theory-based research.



For the past 31 years, **DR. GARY LACEFIELD** has worked in both the federal and private sectors regarding financial regulatory-related issues. Through August 2015, Dr. Lacefield has either been deposed or testified in more than 190 cases as an expert in mortgage fraud, banking and finance related cases. In the 44 criminal cases where Dr.

Lacefield was the expert for the state or Assistant United States Attorney, the prosecution won every case. Dr. Lacefield was the Supervisor of Lending Investigations for HUD in the Southwest Region and Washington

D.C for almost a decade. In addition, Dr. Lacefield developed and implemented the Conflict Resolution program in the Graduate School at Dallas Baptist University.

Dr. Lacefield has conducted more than 35 arbitrations and 600 mediations in the private sector as well as being a court appointed mediator for complex cases. Dr. Lacefield's opinions have been published in the federal register and in concurrence with HUD General Counsel regarding RESPA related issues. Dr. Lacefield is a Nationally Certified Mediator and Federally qualified Arbitrator.

Dr. Lacefield has also taught both the mediation and arbitration courses more than 25 years. Dr. Lacefield earned a Bachelor's in Applied Business Administration and a Masters of Business Administration in Finance from Dallas Baptist University. Dr. Lacefield also earned a Doctorate in Supervision, Administration and Conflict Resolution from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Additionally, Dr. Lacefield is a Certified Fraud Examiner through the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners since 2012. Dr. Lacefield has been on the faculty at University of Texas at Arlington more than 14 years and with some overlap with UTA, served Dallas Baptist University more than 21 years. He also serves on several non-profit boards. Dr. Lacefield has four grown children and nine grandchildren.



COLONEL KENNY WELDON, USAF (RET.) is

Commandant of the Corps of Cadets at Tarleton State University, where he leads the Texan Pioneer Leadership Academy. The Academy helps to prepare students for leadership roles in the military, public and private sectors by providing exceptional academic opportunities

in a challenging leadership environment. In addition to his work at the university, he is currently serving in a second term as Mayor for the City of Stephenville.

In 2011, he retired from active duty military service in the rank of Colonel, following more than 26 years as an Air Force civil engineer officer. He held multiple command positions and served as a senior policy advisor at the Under Secretary of Defense-level. His military assignments include two tours at the Pentagon and military installations in Hawaii, Ohio, Florida, Texas, Washington and the Republic of Korea. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

Col. Weldon is a graduate of Stephenville High School and he received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has also earned a Master of Science in Engineering and Environmental Management and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy.

He currently serves on several regional and local boards, including the Brazos Region G Water Planning Group; North Central Texas Workforce Commission; Tarleton State University Military, Veterans Advisory Board; and the Ranger College-Stephenville Campus Board. He is a Deacon at First Baptist Church, Stephenville.

He and his wife Carrie, have been married for 30 years. They have twins, Kyle and Kayla, both graduates of Texas A&M University with degrees in Animal Science.

Special Campus Presentation

On April 13, the Department of Criminal Justice hosted the presentation of *Pharmaceutical Crime and Drug Store Cowboys: The Offender Perspective* by Dr. Tara O'Connor Shelley, Associate Professor, Colorado State University. Dr. O'Conner Shelley interviewed convicted male offenders in their 20s who were incarcerated in Ohio and Florida to better understand the nature of pharmaceutical crime.

She found that the most common diversion was for offenders to give or sell stolen pharmaceuticals to family members and friends. She discovered an interesting fact that 72 percent of the offenders had previously visited the pharmacy they later robbed for the filling of a prescription.

Texas leads the nation in pharmaceutical robberies. Nationwide, 6.5 million people abuse pain relievers with Oxycontin, the preferred drug. Her research findings included a typology of offenders:

- 1) 46 percent were non-violent addicts only;
- 2) 44 percent were addicted and dealers who may use violence; and
- 3) 10 percent stole pharmaceuticals as a business proposition, entrepreneurs, prone to violence.

Dr. O'Conner Shelley's unique and innovative work on pharmacy crime has resulted in recent presentations to the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's InfraGuard Program.



ADVISORY BOARD

School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies

The School created an advisory board to serve as a steering group and provide council, training, and connectivity to the law enforcement and criminal justice community. The board will meet in regular sessions once a semester. The Advisory Board held its first meeting on March 26 with 21 of its 27 members present. Following member introductions, Dr. Alex del Carmen, Executive Director of the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies shared his vision for the School and the role of the Board. Dr. Randy Butler from the School serves as the Director of the Board. Two individuals have accepted invitations to serve as co-chairs of the Board, Robert Champion, recently retired as Agent in Charge, Dallas Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and Brett McGuire, City Manager, City of Lake Worth. Robert Champion is a graduate of TSU and Brett McGuire has a son at TSU.

Other members of the Board include, Tracy Aaron, Chief of Mansfield Police; Brent Carr, Judge, Tarrant County Criminal Court Nine; Nilo Castillo, Executive Vice President, CyberSecurity Information Group; Charles Cinquemani, Chief of DFW Police; Billy Cordell, Chief of Burleson Police; Tom Cowan, Chief of Police (retired), Chairman, Professional Image and Ethics Committee, Texas Police Chiefs Association; Steve Dye, Chief of Grand Prairie Police; Tom Griffith, Chief of Public Safety, Town of Pantego; Mark Hafner, Interim City Manager, Director of Public Safety, City of Keller; Michael Holder, Chief of Colleyville Police; Leighton Iles, Director, Judicial District of Tarrant County, Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department; Dr. Arrick Jackson, Vice President of Community and Industry Education Services/NW Campus, Tarrant County College District; Kevin Kolbye, Assistant Chief, Arlington Police Department; Keith Lane, Chief of Haltom City Police; Ricardo Lawrence, Team Leader – Facilities Field Operations, Federal Protective Service, National Protection & Program Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Chris McGregor, Assistant Criminal District Attorney, Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office – Criminal District Court No. 2; Rhonda Robertson, Interim Chief of Fort Worth Police; Eddie Salame, Chief of Grapevine Police; Robert Severance, Deputy City Manager, City of Cleburne; Gregory Smith, Associate Director, Institute for Law Enforcement Administration, The Center for American and International Law; Matt Welch, Chief of Police, Tarleton State University; James Williams, Major General, USMC (retired), Lotus Tiger International, LLC; and Monte Zillinger, Director, Police Training, Resource Protection, BNSF Railway Company.

Tarleton ROTC Marches Against Violent Crime

The ROTC program at Tarleton State is a component of the Strategic Studies element within the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies. In April the City of Stephenville and Tarleton State held a city-wide rally and march against violent crime. The Stop the Silence & Paint the Town Blue rally and march was a huge community success and called attention to domestic violence and violence against women and children.



Classroom Guest Speakers

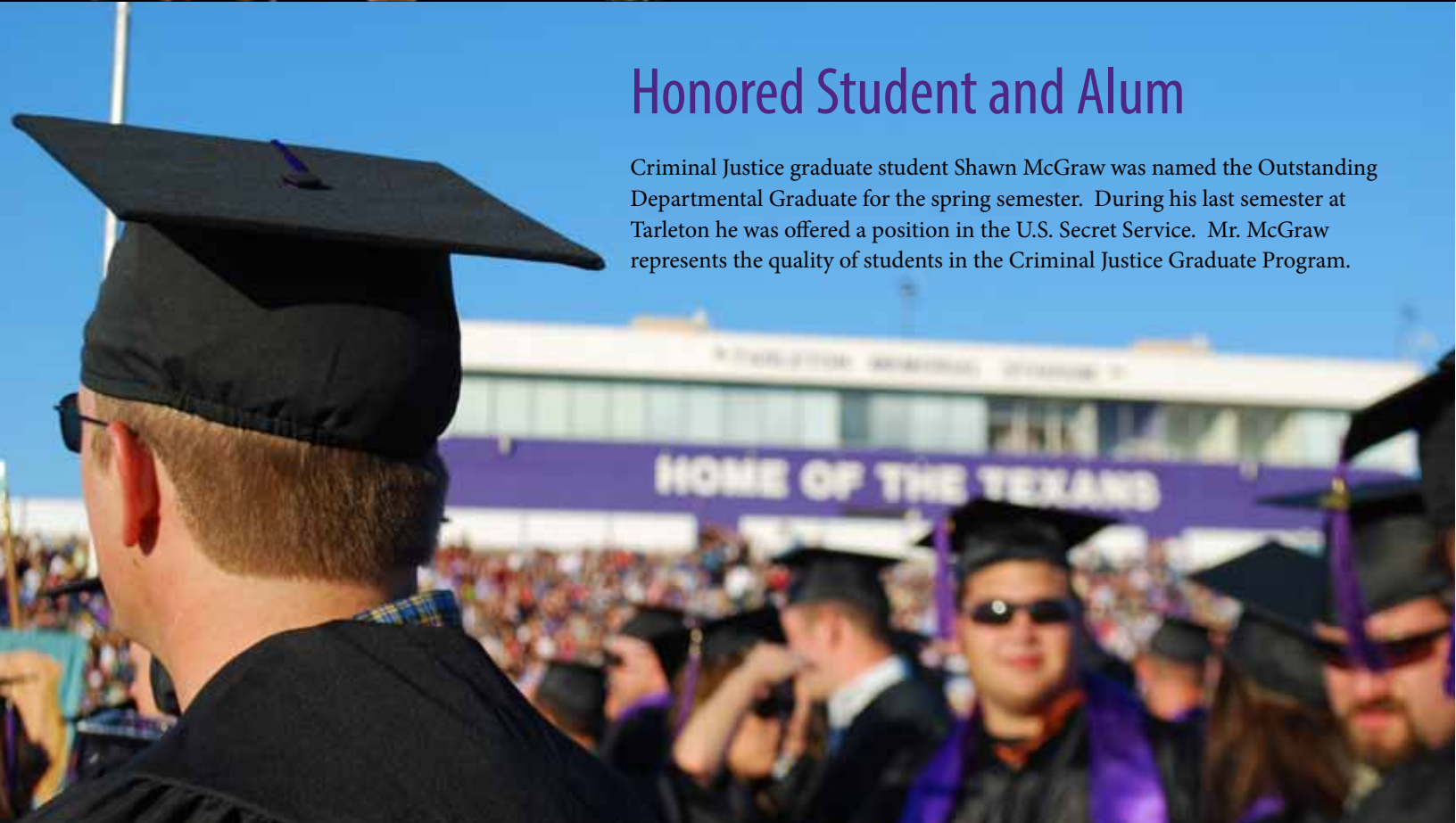
DEA Agent Steve Robertson and U.S. Marshall Joe Bayes recently spoke to students in Dr. Shannon Hankhouse's Senior Seminar class in Waco. The agents described their agency's work and qualifications for employment. The Department of Criminal Justice at Tarleton has a proud history of engaging students with practitioners in the real world of the workplace.





Student Speakers at the Spring 2015 Dean's Circle Event

The Dean's Circle in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts is an event where people who have donated to Tarleton in the past come to campus and watch presentations from students and faculty about their work. Three of the seven selected students were majors in the Department of Criminal Justice. Troy Collum represented the Department in his speech and was the Outstanding (undergraduate) Departmental Graduate for the spring semester.



Honored Student and Alum

Criminal Justice graduate student Shawn McGraw was named the Outstanding Departmental Graduate for the spring semester. During his last semester at Tarleton he was offered a position in the U.S. Secret Service. Mr. McGraw represents the quality of students in the Criminal Justice Graduate Program.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



DR. GEORGE EICHENBERG was awarded the O.A. Grant Excellence in Teaching Award for 2014 in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts. Dr. Eichenberg joined the Tarleton Criminal Justice faculty in 21001 after serving as an associate professor of criminal justice at Wayne State College of Wayne, Nebraska. His

Ph.D. in Criminal Justice is from Sam Houston State University. Dr. Eichenberg has held the rank of professor at Tarleton since 2011. His prior experience has included serving as a police officer in Marshall, Texas and Wayne, Nebraska as well as a superintendent of the Willoughby Juvenile Detention Center in Marshall, Texas.



DR. SHANNON HANKHOUSE, Assistant Professor – School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies, who coordinates the Waco Criminal Justice program and teaches in the program, was named for 2015 a Faculty Fellows. Fellows are nominated by the Dean for meritorious service to the

University. Dr. Hankhouse has very successful grown the Criminal Justice program in Waco.



DR. JEONG LIM KIM, Assistant Professor and Sharon Johnson, Non-Traditional Program Coordinator and BAAS Degree Coordinator for Criminal Justice, presented “Gender Impact on Police Stress: Analyzing Three Symptoms” at the Orlando annual meeting in March, 2015, of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dr.

Kim presented, “Organizational Stressors for Police Stress in South Korea: Work Redesign,” at the November 2014 annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.” Dr. Kim and Dr. Jim Vardalis, Professor of Criminal Justice have co-authored two articles accepted for publication:

- 1) Gender Role in Police Occupational Stress: A Study of the South Korean National Police Agency, *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*
- 2) Organizational Correlates of Police Officers’ Attitudes Toward Use of Force: A Multilevel Model, *The Journal of Police Science*



DR. MEGAN E. HOLLIS, Assistant Professor has two forthcoming publications:

- 1) Perceptions of Procedural Justice Mediate the Relationship Between Local Violent Crime Density and Crime Reporting Intentions, *Journal of Community Psychology*;
- 2) Police Staffing Levels: Disaggregating the Variation, *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Masters in Criminal Justice graduate Randall Swann has been hired by the Secret Service.



Troy Collum

The 2015 Spring Semester Outstanding Criminal Justice Departmental Graduates were graduate student Shawn McGraw and undergraduate student Troy Collum.

The Spring 2015 Dean’s Circle event for the College of Liberal and Fine Arts invited seven students to present papers, including ROTC’s Ruben Puente and The Criminal Justice Department’s undergraduate, Troy Collum. Both presenters graduated following the Spring semester. The Dean’s Circle is an event where people who have donated to Tarleton come to campus and listen to presentations from students and faculty about their work.



Cadet Lorenzo Puente (center)

Tarleton State University’s Lorenzo Puente Recognized as Distinguished Honor Graduate at Fort Hood, Texas

Cadet Lorenzo Puente, a junior in Tarleton State University’s ROTC program, along with three other Tarleton ROTC cadets attended and successfully completed the Army’s Air Assault School in Fort Hood, Texas, March 2 to March 18, 2015. Puente was recognized as the Distinguished Honor Graduate; the highest award given. Puente, of Mesquite, Texas, is a Criminal Justice major who is slated to graduate May 2016.

Other Tarleton ROTC cadets who successfully completed the 10-1/2 day course were Kelby Wiley, Erik Boettcher, and Kody Cissna. The Air Assault School began with 95 participants and 52 successfully completed the training.



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